

HIGH HALSTOW PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2015 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, THE STREET, HIGH HALSTOW AT 8.00 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr George Crozer Chairman
 Cllr Martin Andrews
 Cllr Stuart Bailey
 Cllr Ray Collins
 Cllr Bill Khatkar
 Cllr Carl Mitchell
 Cllr Mrs Christine Watson
 Cllr Brian Williams

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance 6 members of the public

Item no *Action point*
 Minute no 2015/16/

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

69 An apology for absence was received from

Cllr Gary Jerreat On holiday

It was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Watson and agreed this apology be accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

70 Cllr Mitchell declared a possible conflict of interest in item 13b as his company printed the High Halstow Times.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2015

71 It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Andrews and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2015 be signed as a true record, subject to the addition of Cllr Crozer as a representative for the Friends of St Margaret's.

4 MATTERS ARISING

72 a C/05/15/10b minute 2015/16/13: KALC Medway Area Committee

Cllr Williams reported on the meeting held on 27th May, which had been attended by the new President of KALC, Cllr John Rivers and the County Secretary and also by John Collins of the City of Rochester Society. Cllr Rivers was a first responder and had spoken about defibrillators in the community. Cllr Williams asked for this to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr Collins spoke about the campaign to form a Town Council for Rochester. All parishes were concerned about emergencies on the A228.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

73 i MC/15/1724: Land adj 47 Eden Road:

After discussion, it was agreed to object as follows:

High Halstow Parish Council objects to this application. The proposed dormer windows would create loss of amenity and privacy to properties at the rear in Harrison Drive and to the side in Longfield Avenue.

74 ii MC/15/1773: The Helmet, Sharnal Street: Demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary building and construction of a 4-bedroomed dwelling with associated 1-bedroomed ancillary building and associated parking

No objection.

75 iii MC/15/1809: Hal Ben, Forge Lane: Application for non-material amendment to planning permission MC/15/0010 to add two high level windows to garage flank wall

No objection.

76 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted.

c Appeals and Other Matters

77 i Flanders Farm

Cllr Collins reported that a public meeting would be held on Friday 12th June in the Recreation Hall at 4pm. He had attended a meeting the previous Saturday, which was essentially for the site owners to ask where the public would like the caravans to be sited.

78 d Licensing Applications

None.

6 FINANCE

79 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed in Appendix B were noted.

80 b Cheques Signed since the Last Meeting

None.

81 c Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed that the accounts

for payment as listed in Appendix B be paid (cheques 100775-100781), with the addition of £352, Cousins Print & Design (100782).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

82 None.

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND AND PROPERTY

83 a Recreation Ground

It was reported that the cricket pitch fence near the youth shelter was damaged. Cllr Collins would investigate. *RC*

84 b Playpark

Cllr Williams said the RoSPA inspection was due in July and he would check in advance and undertake any minor works if needed. *BW*

85 c Allotments

Cllr Mrs Watson said that plot 6 needed sorting out and that as yet she had not been contacted by Turfsoil.

86 d Forge Common

Nothing to report.

87 e Village Grounds Maintenance

Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the fence by the ditch at the top of Valentine Drive needed repair. This was the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey, who would be informed. *RB*

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

a Public Rights of Way

88 i. General matters. Nothing to report.

89 ii. Path Ruggles Close to The Street, across Recreation Ground. Cllr Williams reported that the works would take place during the summer holidays.

90 b Street Cleaning

Nothing to report.

91 c Tree Warden

Cllr Collins had nothing to report.

92 d School Crossing

The Clerk had asked for an update but this had so far not been received.

93 e **Bus Shelters**

Cllr Williams circulated a brochure from a company who made wooden shelters of various types. He had spoken to them and if 2 shelters were ordered at the same time, the delivery cost would be much less. After discussion, it was agreed he would arrange a site meeting at the stop in Christmas Lane by Half Moon Way. *BW*

10 **HALLS**94 a **Recreation Hall**

Cllr Collins reported the works for phase 3 had started and it was expected would take eight weeks to complete.

95 b **Memorial Hall**

No meeting had been held.

11 **RURAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**96 a **Representative's Report**

Cllr Collins said that the next meeting was on 16th June.

12 **POLICE LIAISON**97 a **Police Liaison Representative's Report**

Cllr Andrews said he had spoken to the Police Liaison Committee's secretary. Geoff Blackman was still involved as he now represented Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Andrews had spoken to bikers in the car park and had been to Kingsnorth, where there had been a few bikers present but they had not been causing any trouble. Motor bikes and camper vans were being stolen in the area and Cllr Crozer added that cars were also being stolen.

13 **COMMUNICATION**98 a **Councillors' Surgery**

Cllr Mrs Watson said that Cllr Williams had attended the last surgery with her. There had been complaints about parking for the cricket club in Christmas Lane and about overnight parking on pavements. The overgrown hedges on the corner of Forge Lane had also been mentioned.

99 b **High Halstow Times**

Cllr Mitchell said he was looking for articles.

100 b **Web Site**

Cllr Mitchell said that he had spoken to Gary Thomas about helping out.

14 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

101 Nothing to report.

15 YOUTH

102 a Youth Club

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Chris Peek to speak.

Mrs Peek said the children were now playing outdoors. They were coping with the building work. The AGM had been poorly attended but they had a new committee and new Chairman, Trevor Clark. The insurance and affiliation fee to Young Kent had increased. They hoped to have more parent helpers in the autumn. They were planning to invite councillors to attend the club and answer children's questions. This would probably be in October. .

The Chairman thanked Mrs Peek and reconvened the meeting.

16 HIGH HALSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

103 Cllr Mrs Watson reported that the Headteacher was going on maternity leave and there would be a new acting head in September. The pond area was being cleared and it would become a sitting area. They would like plants to be donated and were seeking funding and volunteers. Cllr Crozer asked if they would like the parish council to fund a tree or seat. Cllr Mrs Watson would speak to the school about this and the possibility of their attending a meeting.

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17 FRIENDS OF ST MARGARET'S

104 Nothing to report.

18 RELIEF N NEED

105 Cllr Bailey referred to Cllr Mrs Watson's request for statistics and said the figures were on the charity commission website and there was a lot of information on the leaflet.

19 CONSULTATION

106 No documents received.

20 CORRESPONDENCE

107 None.

21 REPORTS & CIRCULARS

108 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

109 a KALC New Councillor Induction

Cllr Bailey said he had attended the half day training. He said it had been good and he had found it informative.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable members of the public to speak.

A resident complained about the noise from the half-pipe. He claimed it was generating both noise and nuisance pollution. He had attended the site meeting the previous September before the decision to proceed had been made and had objected. He had taken legal advice about its being a statutory noise nuisance and demanded to know when the half-pipe would be removed. Cllr Crozer responded that the half-pipe had been under discussion for many months and there had been plenty of consultation. The overwhelming majority had been in favour of it. The resident said he would take legal action and requested details of the Council’s solicitor, which he was provided with.

A question was asked about picking up parcels from the post office. Cllr Crozer said he had been able to collect small parcels and Cllr Andrews said he thought there was an arrangement with Parcelforce.

Mrs Aldrich said there was less ragwort on Forge Common and the spraying regime appeared to be working.

Mrs Smith said the school parking was a nightmare and was an accident waiting to happen.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

SignedChairman

On theday of2015